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In re: David B. Slater, Jr.

Serial No. 10/003,331

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

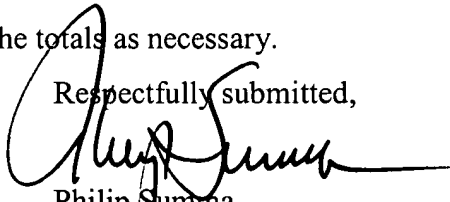
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicants hereby request that the Office of Petitions withdraw from issue the above-referenced Application Serial No. 10/003,331, filed October 31, 2001, to consider the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination to facilitate the Office's consideration of information recently cited by a foreign patent office in a communication regarding a foreign application that claims priority from the above-referenced U.S. Application Serial No. 10/033,331 (and its parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/787,189).

Applicants paid the Issue Fee for Application Serial No. 10/003,331 on December 23, 2003. Therefore, Applicants expect that the application will soon issue as a patent unless promptly withdrawn from issue.

Enclosed is our check for \$130.00, the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). If there are any additional credits or debits required for this account, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0332 to adjust the totals as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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